

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING KRISTENE BLAKE

HON. PAUL D. RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, Kristene Blake's passion for politics and public service dates back to her Villanova days, when she interned for her hometown representative, Adam H. Putnam of Florida. Adam had the good sense to hire Kristene full-time after she graduated. Beginning in 2011, Kristene served in senior roles in two speaker-ships over the course of nearly eight years. Both Speaker Boehner and I depended on Kristene's unique ability to manage any situation, and find a way to get things done.

Kristene is the definition of a servant leader. She puts in the late hours and the unsung work it takes to make this institution function. She believes in doing the right things for the right reasons. These are virtues she is sure to pass on to her three beautiful children: Lawrence, Eloisa, and Amelia. The people's House thanks Kristene for her years of dedicated service.

HONORING MISS AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING TEEN 2019—LONDON HIBBS OF TYLER, TEXAS

HON. LOUIE GOHMERT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, Texas is blessed to have had some absolutely extraordinary, inspirational people who have accomplished some manifestly phenomenal things. One of those extraordinary, inspirational individuals who has already inspired a nation is London Hibbs of Tyler, Texas who, as Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen, recently captured the prestigious title of Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2019 in Orlando, Florida.

London will have the remarkable opportunity to speak to audiences nationwide about her personal platform, "Check Yes 4 Life," which encourages teen organ donation registration.

The little sister program to Miss America, the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Organization is, one of the nation's leading achievement programs encouraging and nurturing scholastic achievement, creative accomplishment, healthy living, and community involvement of our nation's youth.

London's academic and creative endeavors already reflect an unusual maturity, embodying the drive, dedication, and desire that marks exceptionally successful adults. She is an Honor Roll student, member of Mensa, gifted vocal soloist who has performed in Carnegie Hall, enthusiastic community volunteer, accomplished actress, and is highly respected as a leader among her peers.

As a result of London's prestigious accomplishment, she has been awarded more than

\$30,000 in scholarships, after securing preliminary wins in both the Talent and the Evening Wear/Onstage Question portions of the competition. Every aspect of her life and her persona reflect well on all who have assisted her along the way.

As she travels the country this year, all of us can look forward to the significant impact London will make on the thousands upon thousands of people she will meet as she inspires them to reach for their dreams.

It will be a great pleasure to watch her pursue and achieve her aspirations beyond the opportunities afforded her during this year of service as well, just as it has been a great honor for me personally to know, respect, and admire the entire Hibbs family.

It is truly a distinct privilege to honor this exceptional young lady, our reigning Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2019 London Hibbs, whose landmark accomplishments will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

HONORING MR. JOHN GRIESHEIMER, ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 36 YEARS IN SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent of mine, Mr. John Griesheimer, on his retirement after 36 years in service to the citizens of Franklin County.

Since 1982, Mr. Griesheimer has provided dedicated service to his community of Washington, Missouri. It started with his representation on the City Council in 1982 through 1988 before being elected as County Commissioner in 1989 and serving in that role until 1992. Those 4 years of service as a commissioner adequately prepared Mr. Griesheimer for his next elected official roles as State Representative followed by the State Senate. For nearly 20 years he served in the Missouri Legislature and holds the title of being the first State Senator from Washington, Missouri—what an honor! Once his term as State Senator was completed, Mr. Griesheimer continued his dedicated public service to Franklin County as Presiding Commissioner until July of this year.

Throughout his commissioner and state elected official duties, Mr. Griesheimer was active in many community organizations: OATS Transit, Washington Lions Club, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, Missouri Association of Counties, Knights of Columbus, Elks, Missouri Main Street Connection, Washington Historical Society, and the Washington Bridge Committee. Each of these organizations have shared their great appreciation for the many hours Mr. Griesheimer has spent volunteering his time.

With his numerous civic responsibilities, Mr. Griesheimer has seen major accomplishments

over the years. In 1986, during his time on the City Council, the Washington City Pool Renovations were completed. In 1997, as he served as Missouri State Representative, Amtrak installed a stop in Washington. Then in 2007, while he was a Missouri State Senator, he helped with the passage of the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Bill for Franklin County. This zoning bill paved the way for the building of the Menards Distribution Center in Sullivan, Missouri. In 2010 the Associated Industries of Missouri acknowledged his great work by presenting him with the Friend of Manufacturing and Industry Award.

Of Mr. Griesheimer's biggest supporters over the years are his wife, Rita and their three children. In his retirement, he will enjoy spending more time with his family. He will also continue his service on the statewide OATS Transportation Board and with the Washington Lions Club.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. John Griesheimer on his retirement after 36 years in dedicated service to his hometown, county, and state.

HONORING THE COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County for fifty-two years of outstanding service to the central coast of California. Since its founding in 1966, CAB has provided advocacy, employment training, food assistance, and housing support to Santa Cruz County residents.

Through CAB's "ALCANCE" program, at-risk youth and adults re-entering the work force have a vital resource for job training and employment. CAB also operates the Day Worker Center of Santa Cruz County, an important organization that helps day laborers secure safe employment, improve their skills, and earn higher wages. Together, these programs result in good jobs that pay residents, enriching and enabling participatory engagement in our community.

CAB's Rental Assistance Program and CalWORKS Emergency Payment Program provide relief to residents struggling to meet the financial demands of housing, education, and employment. These programs help provide the means for low-income, disabled, and elderly members of our community to live independently, remain employed, and continue providing for themselves and their families.

I appreciate the long-standing and ever-growing commitment of the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County to the welfare of our diverse constituency on the Central Coast. Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me

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